

**REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE  
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
June 9, 2010**

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 9, 2010, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

**2010 Studies.** That the attached proposal for studies for the 2010 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker Pat J. Murphy  
Chairperson

# Proposal for 2010 Legislative Interim Studies

## By Studies Committee to the Legislative Council

### A. Statutory Committees

#### 1. **Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission** (2009 Iowa Acts, S.F. 389, §1)

**Charge:** The Commission is required by statute to develop an Iowa health care reform strategic plan, addressing various aspects listed in the legislation. The Commission is created under the authority of the Legislative Council, with administrative support to be provided by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). The Legislative Council is required to appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson from the voting membership.

For the 2010 Interim, the Commission shall complete its deliberations no later than December 31, 2010, and file a final report with the General Assembly no later than January 31, 2011.

**Members:** 11 members of the public as voting members  
2 Senate/2 House as ex officio, nonvoting members  
3 agency directors or their designees as ex officio, nonvoting members  
(directors of DHS and DPH and Commissioner of Insurance)

**Meeting Days:** 3 for 2010

#### 2. **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** (2010 Iowa Acts, S.F. 2380, Division II)

**Charge:** The Committee is created as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The first scheduled review is in 2011. The Committee is authorized to hold an initial organizational meeting following the November 2010 election to plan for the first scheduled review and other activities.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

### B. Other Interim Studies

#### 1. **Standing Committees on Government Oversight**

**Charge:** Continue holding joint meetings during the 2010 Interim to conduct targeted oversight.

**Members:** 5 Senate/9 House

**Meeting Days:** 1 for remainder of 2010 Interim

#### 2. **Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council - State Budget Laws and Procedures**

**Charge:** In addition to performing other duties, review Iowa laws and procedures that relate to the development and control of the state budget.

#### 3. **Levee and Drainage District Law Study Committee**

**Charge:** Review Iowa law on levee and drainage districts and make recommendations for addressing recent court rulings interpreting the law.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1